

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information providing system, comprising:
a database storing respective object prices at a plurality of bases of a certain object in a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier corresponding to the plurality of bases; and
display control means for displaying information of said prices, bases and each supplier as stored in said database on display means.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 1, wherein
said display control means displays unit price information about the objects purchased at said plurality of bases.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 2, wherein
said display control means displays the unit price information about the objects purchased at the plurality of bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of money.

Claim 4 (Original): The system according to claim 2, wherein
said display control means displays an amount of money based on a present currency of the bases.

Claim 5 (Original): The system according to claim 4, wherein
said display control means further displays an exchange rate.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 2, wherein
said display control means displays a difference in unit price among objects purchased at
said plurality of bases.

Claim 7 (Original): The system according to claim 1, wherein
said display control means further displays cost cutting information.

Claims 8-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An information providing system, comprising:
a database storing material information including respective amount-of-money
information and/or respective unit price information at a plurality of bases of a certain material in
a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier
corresponding to the plurality of bases;
specifying means for specifying material; and
control means for displaying material information including the amount-of-money
information and/or unit price information, bases and each supplier which are stored in said
database and are corresponding to the material specified by said specifying means.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The system according to claim 14, wherein

said database stores resin material information and/or mechanical parts material information.

Claims 16-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Original): The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores weight information about materials.

Claim 19 (Original): The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores material information and products; and
said control means displays information about the products in which the materials
specified by said specifying means are used after searching said database for the information.

Claim 20 (Original): The system according to claim 14, wherein
said database stores at least one of specification information, approved color information,
and environment information about materials.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): An information providing method, comprising:
a step of storing, in a database, respective object prices at a plurality of bases of a certain
object in a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier
corresponding to the plurality of bases; and
a display controlling step of displaying information of said prices, bases and each
supplier as stored in said database on display means.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 21, wherein
said display controlling step displays unit price information about the objects purchased
at the plurality of bases.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22, wherein
said display controlling step displays the unit price information about the objects
purchased at the plurality of bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of money.

Claim 24 (Original): The method according to claim 22, wherein
said display controlling step displays an amount of money based on a present currency of
the bases.

Claim 25 (Original): The method according to claim 24, wherein
said display controlling step further displays an exchange rate.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22, wherein
said display controlling step displays a difference in unit price among objects purchased
at said plurality of bases.

Claim 27 (Original): The method according to claim 21, wherein
said display controlling step further displays cost cutting information.

Claims 28-33 (Canceled).

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): An information providing method, comprising:

- a step of storing, in database, material information including respective amount-of-money information and/or respective unit price information at a plurality of bases of a certain material in a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier corresponding to the plurality of bases;
- a specifying step of specifying material; and
- a controlling step of displaying material information including the amount-of-money information and/or unit price information, bases and each supplier which are stored in said database and are corresponding to the material specified by said specifying step.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 34, wherein said database stores resin material information and/or mechanical parts material information.

Claims 36-37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Original): The method according to claim 34, wherein said database stores weight information about materials.

Claim 39 (Original): The method according to claim 34, wherein said database stores material information and products; and

said controlling step displays information about the products in which the materials specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database for the information.

Claim 40 (Original): The method according to claim 34, wherein
said database stores at least one of specification information, approved color information, and environment information about materials.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to carry out steps comprising:

a step of storing, in a database, respective object prices at a plurality of bases of a certain object in a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier corresponding to the plurality of; and

a display controlling step of displaying information of said prices, bases and each supplier as stored in said database on display means.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The medium according to claim 41, wherein
said display controlling step displays unit price information about the objects purchased at said plurality of bases.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The medium according to claim 42, wherein
said display controlling step displays the unit price information about the objects purchased at said plurality of bases, and a total quantity and/or a total amount of money.

Claims 44-45 (Canceled).

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): A computer-readable medium storing computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to carry out steps comprising:

a step of storing, in a database, material information including respective amount-of-money information and/or respective unit price information at a plurality of bases of a certain material in a case where the certain object is purchased at the plurality of bases from each supplier corresponding to the plurality of bases;

a specifying step of specifying material; and

a controlling step of displaying material information including the amount-of-money information and/or unit price information, bases and each supplier which are stored in said database and are corresponding to the material specified by said specifying step.

Claim 47 (Original): The medium according to claim 46, wherein

said database stores material information and products; and

said controlling step displays information about the products in which the materials specified in said specifying step are used after searching said database for the information.